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## **Council President Marks End of Major Carmel Valley Road Project**

Council President Scott Peters joined members of the Torrey Pines and Carmel Valley communities on Wednesday, August 29 to mark the completion of the Carmel Valley Road Enhancement Project.

Begun in July of 2006, the project includes street improvements to the existing 1-mile stretch of road between Via Mar Valle and Portofino Road. The project adds Class 2 bike paths on either side of Carmel Valley Road, and the south side of the road includes a walking path along the lagoon, to provide safe access to Torrey Pines State Beach.

The project also includes the undergrounding of power lines along Carmel Valley Road to open up view corridors and increase safety, and add landscaping at several intersections to enhance the appearance of the community.

One of the most important aspects of the project is one not be readily seen. The road enhancements include storm water pollution filters to capture and treat polluted run-off from the street before it enters the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon. This creates a healthier lagoon and cleaner water at area beaches. Other positive impacts to the lagoon include the removal of non-native plants like ice plant, which were replaced with native wetland species.

The total project cost is \$8,849,641, paid through a combination of Development Impact Fees, underground surcharge funds and TransNet funds.

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